

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2004-6-G - ORDER NO. 2004-151

APRIL 5, 2004

IN RE: South Carolina Pipeline Corporation – Annual Review of the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) and Gas Purchasing Policies	) ORDER SCHEDULING ) REVISED HEARING DATE ) AND MODIFYING ) PREFILING DATES FOR ) TESTIMONY AND ) EXHIBITS
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) on the joint request of South Carolina Pipeline Corporation (“SCPC”) and the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (“Consumer Advocate”) for a rescheduling of the hearing date and for a modification of the prefiling dates for testimony and exhibits established in the instant docket by Commission Order No. 2004-58 regarding the annual review of the Purchased Gas Adjustment and the Gas Purchasing Policies of SCPC.

To commence the present annual review proceeding, as required by Commission Order No. 87-1122, the Commission scheduled a hearing on this matter for April 22, 2004, and issued a Notice of Hearing to SCPC for publication in newspapers of circulation in the affected areas. The Notice of Hearing set forth the manner and time in which interested parties of SCPC’s annual review proceeding were to file the appropriate pleadings for participation in the proceeding. SCPC provided the Commission with proof of publication of the Notice of Hearing. Petitions to Intervene in SCPC’s annual review

were received from the following parties: Nucor Steel-South Carolina and Nucor Steel-Berkeley County (collectively, "Nucor"), the Consumer Advocate, and the South Carolina Energy Users Committee ("SCEUC"). In progression of the instant docket, the Commission issued Order No. 2004-58 on February 10, 2004, which established prefiling deadlines for submission of testimony and exhibits in the proceeding.

By letter dated March 18, 2004, SCPC and the Consumer Advocate advise the Commission of their agreement that the hearing scheduled in this case be delayed and rescheduled from April 22, 2004, until May 27, 2004, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and accordingly request the Commission's approval of the agreed-upon schedule change. Additionally, SCPC and the Consumer Advocate request that the prefiling dates established in Order No. 2004-58 likewise be delayed to conform to the hearing date of May 27, 2004. As reasoning for their request, SCPC and the Consumer Advocate cite a heavy hearing schedule for both the Consumer Advocate and counsel for SCPC. SCPC and the Consumer Advocate further advise that all other parties of record, namely Nucor and SCEUC, have given their consent to the hearing being rescheduled for May 27, 2004, and to the revision of the prefiling deadlines for testimony and exhibits. Additionally, SCPC and the Consumer Advocate suggest revised prefiling deadlines for testimony and exhibits which correspond to the rescheduled hearing date.

After full review and due consideration of SCPC and the Consumer Advocate's request, we grant the request for rescheduling of the hearing and of revision of the prefiling schedule established by Commission Order No. 2004-58. Further, we approve the dates for the rescheduled hearing and for the prefiling deadlines as delineated by

SCPC and the Consumer Advocate. As all parties to this proceeding are in concurrence, we discern no prejudice to any party in granting the request of SCPC and the Consumer Advocate.

Accordingly, the hearing in this docket shall be held on **Thursday, May 27, 2004, at 10:30 A.M.** in the Commission hearing room. To coincide with the rescheduled hearing date, the Commission hereby issues a revised procedural schedule by modification of Order No. 2004-58, dated February 10, 2004, captioned “Order Establishing Prefiling Deadlines” as follows<sup>1</sup>:

Pursuant to 26 S.C Regs. 103-869 (C) (Supp. 2003), the Commission hereby orders that twenty-five copies of the direct testimony and exhibits of South Carolina Pipeline Corporation shall be prefiled on or before **April 29, 2004**, and that twenty-five copies of the direct testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff and other parties shall be prefiled on or before **May 13, 2004**. (Direct testimony and exhibits may be post-marked on these dates.) Also, any rebuttal testimony and exhibits of South Carolina Pipeline Corporation shall be prefiled on or before **May 20, 2004**, and any surrebuttal testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff and other parties shall be prefiled on or before **May 24, 2004**. (Rebuttal testimony and exhibits and surrebuttal testimony and exhibits must be in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the parties on these dates.)

It should be noted that acceptance into the record of surrebuttal testimony and exhibits is subject to the discretion of the Commission. In addition, parties shall serve

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<sup>1</sup> The modifications herein relate only to the due dates for prefiling of testimony and exhibits. The instructions concerning filing, number of copies to be filed, and service on other parties have not been modified from Order No. 2004-58, but those instructions are repeated herein for emphasis to the parties.

their prefiled testimony and exhibits on all other parties of record as required by the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All parties are reminded that all witnesses must be present during any hearing in this matter at the call of the Chairman, or the Commission may decline to allow the witnesses' testimony to be read into the record of the proceeding, and/or may decline to allow the witnesses' exhibits to be entered into the evidence of the case.

Please take notice that any party requesting modification of this schedule must file a request for such modification with the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The hearing in the present docket is hereby rescheduled for May 27, 2004, at 10:30 A.M.
2. The scheduling order for filing testimony and exhibits as set out by Order No. 2004-58, dated February 10, 2004, is hereby modified as outlined above.
3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

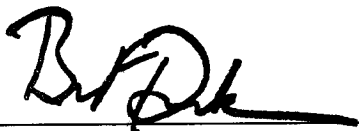
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:



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Bruce F. Duke, Executive Director

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